



National Drug Threat Assessment 2004:

Threat Matrix



Illicit Drug	Source Locations	Seized en route/within U.S. in 2002	Transit Countries	Entry Points into U.S.	Primary Markets and Principal Suppliers	Wholesale Price Range in the U.S.	Retail Price Range in the U.S.	Retailers	Key Developments	Projections
Cocaine	Foreign: Colombia, Peru, Bolivia Domestic: None	101,877.8 kg (352,000 kg reportedly available to U.S. markets)	Mexico, Central American countries, Caribbean island nations	SWB states (Texas, California, Arizona, New Mexico), Miami/S Florida, New York	Atlanta: Mexican, Dominican Chicago: Mexican, Colombian, Dominican Houston: Mexican, Colombian Los Angeles: Mexican, Colombian Miami: Colombian New York: Colombian, Mexican, Dominican (also Jamaican, Puerto Rican, and Traditional Organized Crime groups)	\$10,000-\$38,000 per kg (powder)	\$20-\$200 per gram (powder) \$5-\$100 per rock (crack)	African American and Hispanic criminal groups and street gangs; Caucasian local independent dealers; Dominican, Haitian, Jamaican, Mexican, Native American, and Puerto Rican criminal groups	DEA Cocaine Signature Program data indicate that average wholesale cocaine purity may be increasing after previous decreases each year between 1999 and 2002.	Potential worldwide cocaine production will likely decrease slightly due to increases in eradication and coca spray operations as well as a resumption of the Airbridge Denial Program. This may result in a decrease in cocaine availability in the United States.
Methamphetamine	Foreign: Mexico and, to a much lesser extent, Southeast Asia (Burma) Domestic: California, Central States (Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri)	2,512.6 kg	Mexican: Direct from source SE Asian: Direct from source	Mexican: SWB states (primarily California followed by Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico) SE Asian: San Francisco	Central States: Caucasian, Mexican Los Angeles: Mexican Phoenix: Mexican San Diego: Mexican San Francisco: Mexican	\$6,600-\$28,600 per kg* (powdered) \$8,500-\$200,000 per kg* (ice-high purity crystal methamphetamine) *normally sold in lb quantities \$3,000-\$13,000 per lb (powdered)	\$40-\$125 per gram (powdered) \$120-\$500 per gram (ice)	Mexican, Caucasian, and Asian criminal groups; Caucasian local independent dealers; Asian and Hispanic street gangs; OMGs	The availability of high purity crystal methamphetamine (ice) increased sharply over the past year, primarily because of a significant increase in ice production by Mexican criminal groups, who appear to have supplanted Asian criminal groups as the predominant producers of ice in the country.	The number of low capacity methamphetamine laboratories likely will increase significantly in the Great Lakes and Southeast regions.
Marijuana	Foreign: Mexico, Colombia, Canada, Jamaica Domestic: California, Appalachia (Kentucky, Tennessee), Hawaii, Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon)	1,098,703.5 kg	Mexican: Direct from source Colombian: Mexico, Caribbean island nations Canadian: Direct from source Jamaican: Caribbean island nations	Mexican: SWB states, (primarily Texas followed by California, Arizona, and New Mexico) Colombian: Miami/S Florida, SWB states (Texas, California, Arizona, and New Mexico), New York Canadian: Northern border states Jamaican: Miami/S Florida, New York	Chicago: Mexican Dallas/Houston: Mexican Los Angeles/San Diego: Caucasian, Mexican, Jamaican Miami: Jamaican, Bahamian New York: Jamaican, Mexican, Colombian, Caucasian Phoenix/Tucson: Mexican, Jamaican Seattle: Caucasian, Asian, Mexican, Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs (OMGs)	\$660-\$2,640 per kg* (commercial-grade) \$1,320-\$13,200 (sinsemilla) *normally sold in lb quantities \$300-\$1,200 per lb (commercial-grade) \$600-\$6,000 per lb (sinsemilla)	\$5-\$50 per gram \$2-\$5 per joint	Mexican, African American, Asian, Caucasian, Cuban, and Jamaican criminal groups; African American and Hispanic street gangs; prison gangs; local independent dealers (Caucasian, Asian, African American, and Mexican); OMGs	Texas POEs surpassed California POEs in marijuana seizures in 2002, reflecting a possible shift in either transportation routes or transportation methods used.	Continued high demand for high potency marijuana may fuel increased indoor cultivation.
Heroin	Foreign: Mexico, South America (primarily Colombia), Southeast Asia (primarily Burma), Southwest Asia (primarily Afghanistan) Domestic: None	2,799.4 kg	Mexican: Direct from source South American: Direct from source, Mexico, Central/South American countries Southeast Asian: China, SE Asian countries, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Canada Southwest Asian: African, European, and Central Asian countries	MX: SWB states (primarily Texas and California followed by Arizona and New Mexico) SA: International Airports (Miami, JFK); Atlanta, Boston, Houston, Newark, and San Juan; SWB states SEA: Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Baltimore, Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, New York, Washington, D.C. SWA: New York, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles	Boston: Colombian (SA), Dominican (SA) Chicago: Colombian (SA), Mexican (MX), Nigerian (SEA, SWA) Los Angeles: Mexican (MX) New York: Colombian (SA), Dominican (SA), Chinese (SEA), Nigerian (SEA), Pakistani (SWA), Russian (SWA)	\$15,000-\$65,000 per kg (MX) \$35,000-\$115,000 per kg (SWA) \$60,000-\$125,000 per kg (SA) \$90,000-\$120,000 per kg (SEA)	\$10 per dose (approximately 50-100 mg)	African American, Asian, Caucasian, Colombian, Dominican, and Puerto Rican criminal groups; African American and Hispanic street gangs; local independent dealers	Potential heroin production estimates for Colombia were revised upward for 2002 and previous years. Worldwide potential heroin production increased significantly in 2002 primarily due to increases in Afghanistan.	Heroin traffickers will continue to make sporadic attempts to increase the market share of South American heroin in the western United States and that of Mexican heroin in eastern states; however, the success of such attempts likely will be limited.
MDMA	Foreign: Netherlands, Belgium and, to a much lesser extent, Germany, Poland, Latin America, and Canada Domestic: Limited	3,495,960 du (dosage unit) (e.g., tablets and capsules) (seized at POEs)	Canada, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Western European countries	International Airports: New York, Miami, Newark	Los Angeles: Israeli, Russian Miami: Israeli, Russian (also Colombian, Dominican) New York: Israeli, Russian (also Asian, Colombian, Dominican, and Traditional Organized Crime groups)	\$5-\$17 per du (1,000 du lots)	\$10-\$75 per du	Caucasian local independent dealers; Asian, African American, and Hispanic street gangs; OMGs	Asian criminal groups and street gangs increasingly are distributing MDMA at the wholesale and retail levels.	Overall demand for MDMA likely will remain stable or decline.